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Spring Planting Behind

Agricultural Summary

Wet conditions slowed planting of spring crops for many producers in North and South-Central areas. Precipitation levels were scattered across the state, with South-Central areas receiving up to 0.88 inches of rain. Temperatures started to warm up towards the end of the week. Average highs ranged from 63 to 79 degrees. Agricultural activities for the week ending April 22 included planting small grains, potatoes, sugarbeets, corn, dry peas, lentils, onions, field preparation, shipping of seed potatoes, spraying weeds, feeding and caring for livestock.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 26% short, 64% adequate, and 10% surplus. The Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service reports farmers had an average of 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork.

Field Crop Report

Spring planting for most crops throughout the state continued to lag behind last year and the five year average due to wet weather conditions. Spring wheat, barley, potatoes, and dry peas emerged are behind last year and the five year average. Statewide, six percent of the winter wheat has reached the jointed stage. According to Extension Educators in Canyon County, replanting of sugarbeets damaged by frost two weeks ago is nearly complete, while some fields are still being assessed for damage.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Spring calving and lambing are close to completion as reports show calving at 98% complete, and lambing at 97% complete. Hay and Roughage supplies were reported to be 2% very short, 40% short, 56% adequate, and 2% surplus.

Crop Progress Table

	Planted%			Emerged%		
	2001	2000	Avg.	2001	2000	Avg.
Onions	100	90	95	75	37	39
Oats	21	29	29	3	3	8
Dry Peas	14	49	28	2	5	7
Lentils	3	20	9	-	-	-
Corn	0	9	7	-	-	-

Crop Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	0	8	80	12
Irr. Water Supply	26	26	31	14	3
Range & Pasture	0	8	51	34	7

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2001	2000	Avg	2001	2000	Avg	2001	2000	Avg	2001	2000	Avg	2001	2000	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted	12	66	30	100	98	98	99	97	93	31	67	50	42	74	59
Emerged	0	16	8	94	85	76	58	71	58	5	20	14	17	31	25
Barley															
Planted	9	58	28	100	98	94	99	89	85	15	56	27	36	66	42
Emerged	0	15	8	99	81	68	51	78	49	1	9	4	15	28	17
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	21	83	55	17	46	30	1	5	3	7	22	14
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	85	98	92	68	92	78	33	70	53	65	90	77
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	49	59	35	12	17	11	2	34	12	18	27	17

Avg (1996-2000); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 22, 2001 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of April	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	66	30	47	-3	112	11	5	0.07	-0.29	1.03	2.80	3.53
Grangeville	71	30	48	3	134	11	0	0.43	-0.14	2.97	5.19	4.21
Sand Point	64	27	46	-0	75	5	0	0.00	-0.48	2.03	5.95	4.37
Southwest												
Boise	76	32	52	3	310	56	0	0.06	-0.22	1.19	2.29	2.19
Caldwell	79	36	53	1	337	54	26	0.11	-0.11	0.93	1.65	1.79
Emmett	71	30	50	-1	263	38	8	0.22	-0.03	1.64	2.50	2.13
Mountain Home	79	32	51	2	274	48	0	0.21	0.02	0.90	1.42	1.70
Parma	79	31	55	5	333	53	4	0.03	-0.18	1.00	1.87	1.79
Weiser 5/	74	41	--	--	315	51	1	0.12	-0.06	1.92	3.26	1.82
Southcentral												
Buhl	76	27	49	-2	231	40	1	0.88	0.69	1.62	2.72	1.50
Burley	73	27	48	1	196	16	0	0.29	0.08	1.09	1.79	1.47
Hill City	66	25	45	2	66	0	0	0.33	0.12	1.26	2.12	1.83
Hagerman	78	27	50	-4	312	45	59	0.39	0.26	0.78	1.72	1.48
Malta	63	28	--	--	234	39	14	0.00	-0.18	0.55	0.99	1.34
Twin Falls	75	29	48	2	206	28	0	0.64	0.42	1.20	2.06	1.72
East												
Aberdeen 5/	74	26	--	--	92	6	0	0.00	-0.20	0.51	0.78	1.24
Grace	73	22	47	4	100	11	0	0.07	-0.26	1.44	2.35	2.31
Idaho Falls	77	26	49	4	177	12	0	0.01	-0.21	0.56	1.27	1.50
Malad City	75	32	51	6	251	32	0	0.00	-0.27	0.41	0.42	1.93
Pocatello	74	24	47	1	156	10	0	0.07	-0.21	0.72	1.41	2.05
Rexburg	74	28	48	1	120	10	0	0.00	-0.27	0.15	0.38	1.94
Salmon	72	27	46	1	108	6	0	0.03	-0.17	0.14	0.38	1.07

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ¹	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	61	42	63	48	70	59	70	50	66	46	52	40	56	40	63	46
Emmett	56	47	59	51	64	55	65	56	63	57	60	56	59	53	61	54
Parma	44	42	46	43	48	45	49	46	49	47	--	--	--	--	47	45
Sandpoint	48	36	49	41	52	45	46	42	49	42	--	--	--	--	49	41
Twin Falls	54	41	60	47	64	47	65	51	--	--	47	41	50	39	57	44

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.

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